

Application No. 10/734,630
Amendment dated May 19, 2006
Reply to Office action dated April 5, 2006

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REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2006. Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 2, 25, 17, 19-24, 32-38, and 47-54 will remain pending. The change to claim 54 is supported by the specification and claims (for example at, page 8, lines 15-18.) No new matter is added as a result of this Amendment.

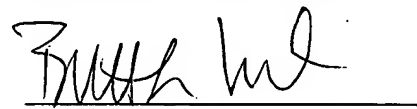
As mentioned above, claim 54 has been amended to define "Y" thereby obviating the rejection of claims 2, 15, 17, 19-24 and 47-54. Hence, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are requested.

The claims were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious based on claims 1, 2, and 5 of U.S. Pat. No. 6, 620,858. In response, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. Hence, this rejection is also accommodated and its withdrawal is thus respectfully requested.

In summary, applicants believe the application to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection(s), enter the above amendment, remove all rejections, and pass the application to issuance.

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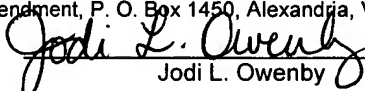


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